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Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions

Fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions, in 2009 (A/64/353). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification.

2. The report of the Secretary-General complies with the procedure approved in part V of General Assembly resolution 63/263, in which the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee (see A/63/629, para. 10) as to the merit of annual presentations of revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council to the General Assembly, as proposed by the Secretary-General (see A/63/541).

3. The Advisory Committee notes that the Council, at its tenth and eleventh sessions, adopted a number of resolutions and one decision that require provisions in addition to the resources approved in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and the initial resources included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The requirements of $1,452,900 and $3,800,100 related to the tenth and eleventh sessions, respectively, are summarized in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, and detailed information on requirements under each resolution and decision is provided in section II of that report.

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4. The Advisory Committee also notes that, given the timeline for submission of the annual report, the requirements resulting from resolutions and/or decisions of the twelfth session of the Council, held from 14 September to 2 October 2009, will be included and considered in the context of the next annual submission.

5. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee notes that, although the Council held three special sessions (ninth, tenth and eleventh) in 2009, only its ninth special session gave rise to additional resources. In this connection, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the budgetary requirements arising from resolution S-9/1 (A/63/853). Accordingly, it is indicated that, although no provisions were included under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 23, Human rights, it is anticipated that a total of $1,821,500 (net) would be required for the additional activities foreseen under paragraphs 11, 12, 14 and 15 of the resolution. Of this total, an amount of $650,600 would be met from extrabudgetary resources and an amount of $266,900 from resources already appropriated under section 2 ($49,400) and section 23 ($217,500) of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The estimated balance of $904,000 (net) represents the additional requirements to be financed from the programme budget for 2008-2009. The Committee was informed that subsequent to the issuance of that report, it had been determined that the additional requirements related to the implementation of resolution S-9/1 could be met from the resources already appropriated under the programme budget for 2008-2009; therefore, no additional appropriation would be required. **The Committee recommends approval of the additional requirements related to the implementation of resolution S-9/1, adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth special session, to be accommodated from within the resources appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.**

6. As regards the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions, the Secretary-General states that provision has already been made for the implementation of activities of a "perennial nature" in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and in the proposed programme budget for 2010-2011. Requirements of $824,700 (before recosting) are indicated for the implementation of such activities pursuant to resolutions 10/16, 10/27, 10/32, 11/10 and 11/12, for which provision has already been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (see A/64/353, para. 4).

7. Additional requirements are indicated with respect to resolutions containing new mandates, for which no provision was made in the programme budget for 2008-2009 or in the proposed programme budget for 2010-2011 (resolutions 10/11, 10/23, 10/33, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, 11/8 and 11/9 and decision 11/117). The additional requirements related to resolutions containing new mandates amount to $1,884,500 for the biennium 2008-2009 and $2,834,300 for 2010-2011 (before recosting). Upon request, the Committee was provided with a table similar to that included in the report of the Secretary-General that further differentiates whether the resources relate to activities of a perennial nature or to new mandates (see annex). **The Committee is of the opinion that future presentations should follow this format.**

8. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General is proposing that the amount of $1,884,500 be accommodated within the resources appropriated under the

programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and reported in the context of the second performance report. As to the total estimated requirements of $3,659,000 relating to the biennium 2010-2011, given that provision of $824,700 has already been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 as it relates to perennial activities, the Secretary-General is proposing that the balance of $2,834,300 be met from within the provisions of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriation would be required.

9. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions (A/64/353).**

10. The Advisory Committee notes that regarding Human Rights Council decision 11/117, Issuance of reports of the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review in all official languages of the United Nations, the Secretary-General indicates that the requirements for the biennium 2008-2009, estimated at $1,439,800, for the translation of reports called for under the terms of the decision could be met from within the overall resources appropriated under section 2. As regards the related requirements for 2010-2011 of $4,378,900, it is indicated that specific proposals to strengthen the permanent conference-servicing capacity of the United Nations Office at Geneva to meet the increased demands stemming from the activities of the Human Rights Council and other human rights mechanisms have been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (see A/64/353, paras. 31-34).

11. In its first report on the proposed programme budget for 2010-2011, the Advisory Committee referred to the issue of the servicing of human rights bodies and made recommendations on the resources proposed by the Secretary-General for conference services in Geneva for 2010-2011 (see A/64/7, paras. I.84-I.89). The Committee also referred to the issue of management of documents related to the Human Rights Council in its report on the pattern of conferences (A/64/484, paras. 16-19). **While supporting the Secretary-General's proposal to redeploy 12 posts from New York to Geneva and to increase the level of resources allocated for temporary assistance for meetings, the Committee has also voiced its ongoing concerns about the adequacy of the additional capacity proposed. The Committee has therefore recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to monitor the situation closely and to report to the Assembly on any developments that may have financial implications.**

12. The Advisory Committee further recalls that the General Assembly, in its resolution 63/284, requested the Secretary-General to entrust OIOS with a review of the circumstances that led to insufficient conference services being put at the disposal of the Human Rights Council in 2009, which should shed light on the sufficiency of the resources provided. **The Committee reiterates its expectation for the review to be completed expeditiously and the recommendation thereon submitted, as requested, to the Assembly for action (see A/64/7, para. I.88).**

13. In addition, the Advisory Committee was informed that the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management was planning to submit a report to the General Assembly consolidating existing documentation guidelines on word and page limits that clarified the number of words per page and pages per document, including all documents submitted to the Secretariat directly and by the Secretariat on behalf of intergovernmental bodies. The Committee further recalls that the

Assembly, in paragraph 16 of its resolution 60/251, decided that the Human Rights Council should review its work and functioning five years after its establishment and report thereon to the Assembly. In addition, the Committee was informed that in paragraph 5 of its resolution 12/1, adopted recently at its twelfth session, the Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to present a report to the Council at its fifteenth session on how to improve conference and secretariat services for the Council.

Annex

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions, including perennial and new activities

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions		*Budget section*	*Requirements per biennium*	*2008-2009*		*2010-2011*			*Relevant Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions paragraph*
				Existing provision in the 2008-2009 programme budget	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Requirements to be accommodated within the provision proposed for the biennium 2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*New*	*Perennial*	
10/11	The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	2	112.2	—	—	112.2	112.2	—	Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to continue supporting the Working Group convening regional governmental consultations on this matter, in conformity with paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 62/145, with the remaining three to be held before the end of 2010, bearing in mind that this process may lead to the holding of a high-level round table of States, under the auspices of the United Nations (para. 16)
		23	204.4	—	—	204.4	204.4	—	
10/16	Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	23	116.8	—	—	116.8	—	116.8	Decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, in accordance with Council resolution 7/15, for a period of one year (para. 3)
10/23	Independent expert in the field of cultural rights	2	108.6	—	—	108.6	108.6	—	Decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedure entitled "independent expert in the field of cultural rights", as set out in the relevant United Nations human rights instruments (para. 9)
		23	566	—	7.8	566	566	—	
		28 E	3	—	—	3	3	—	
10/27	Situation of human rights in Myanmar	23	145.4	—	—	145.4	—	145.4	Decided to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1992/58 of 3 March 1992 and 2005/10 of 14 April 2005, and Council resolution 7/32 of 28 March 2008 (para. 18)

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10/32	Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights	23	63.6	—	—	63.6	—	63.6	Invited the independent expert to continue his work until the end of September 2009, without prejudice to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 (para. 3)
10/33	Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services	23	132.9	—	125.2	7.7	7.7	—	Noted the report of the seven thematic special procedures on technical assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and urgent examination of the situation in the east of the country (A/HRC/10/59) drawn by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, acting on behalf of the other six special representatives and special rapporteurs, and invited them to report again to the Council on the development of the situation at its thirteenth session (para. 5)
	Subtotal		**1 452.9**	—	**133**	**1 327.7**	**1 001.9**	**325.8**	
11/1	Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure	2	796.8	—	199.2	796.8	796.8	—	Decided to establish an open-ended working group of the Human Rights Council to explore the possibility of elaborating an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure complementary to the reporting procedure under the Convention (para. 1)
		23	319.2	—	79.8	319.2	319.2	—	
		28 E	14.8	—	3.7	14.8	14.8	—	
11/2	Accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women	2	110.8	—	—	110.8	110.8	—	Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene in 2010,

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		23	60.4			60.4	60.4		within existing resources, in cooperation with other relevant entities of the United Nations system, an expert workshop open to the participation of Governments, regional organizations and experts from different legal systems that would discuss specific measures for overcoming obstacles and challenges States may face in preventing, investigating, prosecuting and punishing the perpetrators of violence against women and girls, as well as measures for providing protection, support, assistance and redress for victims, and requested the Office to produce a summary report to be submitted to the Council (para. 11 (d))
		28 E	1.6			1.6	1.6		
11/3	Trafficking in persons, especially women and children	2	110.8			110.8	110.8		Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize, within existing resources and in close coordination with the Special Rapporteur, a two-day seminar aimed at identifying opportunities and challenges in the development of rights-based responses to trafficking in persons with a view to acknowledging emerging good practices and further promoting the practical application of the Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking, with the participation of Governments, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and other relevant special
		23	156.3			156.3	156.3		
		28 E	1.6			1.6	1.6		

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									procedures, treaty bodies, United Nations specialized agencies and programmes, regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions, academics, medical experts and representatives of victims and to submit a report on the proceedings of the seminar to the Council (para. 9)
11/4	Promotion of the right of peoples to peace	2	110.8	—	—	110.8	110.8	—	Reiterated its request to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene, before February 2010, and taking into account previous practices, a workshop on the right of peoples to peace, with the participation of experts from all regions of the world (para. 11)
		23	74.4	—	—	74.4	74.4	—	
		28 E	1.6	—	—	1.6	1.6	—	
11/8	Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights	23	73.3	—	—	73.3	73.3	—	Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a thematic study on preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights, in consultation with States, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Bank, and all other relevant stakeholders, and requested that the study include identification of the human rights dimensions of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity in the existing international legal framework; an overview of initiatives and activities within the United Nations system to address all causes of preventable

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									maternal mortality and morbidity; identification of how the Council can add value to existing initiatives through a human rights analysis, including efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goal on improving maternal health, and recommended options for better addressing the human rights dimension of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity throughout the United Nations system (para. 6)
11/9	The human rights of migrants in detention centres	23	29	—	29	—	—	—	Decided to hold a panel discussion on the human rights of migrants in detention centres at its twelfth session, with equitable geographic and gender participation of representatives of Governments, relevant experts and civil society, including national institutions (para. 1)
11/10	Situation of human rights in the Sudan	23	129.2	—	—	129.2	—	129.2	Decided to create the mandate of independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan for a period of one year, who shall assume the mandate and responsibilities set out by the Council in its resolutions 6/34, 6/35, 7/16 and 9/17, requested the independent expert to engage with the newly created human rights forums in the Sudan as well as the human rights sections of the African Union, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and to submit a report to the Council for consideration at its fourteenth session, and requested the

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									Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all necessary assistance to discharge the mandate fully (para. 19)
11/12	Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	2	362.4	—	—	362.4	—	362.4	Decided to extend the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action for a period of three years (para. 1)
		28 E	7.3	—	—	7.3	—	7.3	
11/117	Issuance of reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in all official languages of the United Nations	2	1 439.8	—	1 439.8	—	—	—	Decided that all the reports adopted by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review at its fourth and fifth sessions and the additional information submitted by the States under review before the adoption of the outcome by the Council should be issued as official documents in all official languages of the United Nations prior to the twelfth session of the Council, and requested the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary measures to that effect (para. 1)
	Subtotal		**3 800.1**	—	**1 751.5**	**2 331.3**	**1 832.4**	**498.9**	
	Total		**5 253.0**	—	**1 884.5**	**3 659.0**	**2 834.3**	**824.7**	